

they used on a massive blue State bailout and blatant redistribution of wealth.

It is the same story with this month's \$2.25 trillion spending package. They have done their best to pass this off as an "infrastructure plan," but even if you add up every single line item that is dedicated to roads, bridges, highways, interstates, ports, waterways, airports, broadband, and the power grid, only a little over one-third of that plan will pay for actual infrastructure projects. The rest—the rest—of that \$2.25 trillion is just another slush fund for union activism, climate change auditors, and Green New Deal fantasies.

S. 1, the so-called "voting rights" bill that my colleagues across the aisle have spoken so passionately about, completes the trifecta of bait-and-switch bills, advertised as one thing but that would accomplish something completely different.

Now, S. 1 isn't as much a taxpayer-dollar grab as it is a nearly unprecedented policy power grab that offers solutions in search of problems. It ignores the promises of federalism. It disregards the constitutional directive affording States—affording the States—power over their own elections.

It requires the use of ballot casting technology and voter registration systems that don't even exist yet, but I think you can bet that some politically connected companies will make a whole bunch of money coming to the market with this technology.

It would dismantle voter ID laws and prevent local, meaningful cleanup of voter rolls. Your local election commission wouldn't be able to purge their rolls of individuals who have died or moved away. We know that this leads you to a recipe for fraud.

Speaking of fraud, it would force States to allow ballot harvesting. That is right; it would mandate that they allow ballot harvesting. Everyone has heard of the perils that exist with ballot harvesting. It would mandate donor disclosure, opening private citizens up to harassment and violent attacks. It would upend the mechanics of local elections for officials and voters alike and cause chaos and confusion in every precinct in this country.

So why in the world would Democrats even try to pitch this mess as something that would protect voting rights? By all accounts, it would increase the likelihood for fraud and confusion. Well, I think that they are doing it for the same reason they slapped a "COVID" label on a \$1.9 trillion wish list and an "infrastructure" label on a \$2.25 trillion wish list. They know that if the American people caught on to all that they are doing, they would never win another election.

Now, think about that—if you know your policies are so unpopular with the American people that you have to cloak them behind different words, different phrases, words that the meaning of the word is evolving because they

don't stand up to scrutiny in the light of day. And that is what is happening.

You know, it isn't just false advertising. It is not a falsehood. It is not misrepresentation. It is not an inaccuracy. It is not an accidental lie. This is an intentional lie. They are perpetrating this lie on behalf of a radical leftist minority of Americans whose ideas are so destructive that they wouldn't withstand 10 minutes of good, solid, robust, respectful bipartisan debate on this Senate floor.

Nothing about S. 1 will serve the best interests of the American people, and my Republican colleagues and I aren't the only ones who see the problems with it. Tennesseans are worried about this, too, because, in Tennessee, we did the work to clean up our voter rolls and implement fair voter ID laws. We cut down on fraud and increased faith in the electoral process.

This is how it is supposed to work. We do not need Federal intervention to protect the vote. So no wonder my Democratic colleagues chose to use the full weight of the Senate Judiciary Committee to scare the American people into believing they live in "Jim Crow America." Throughout the course of last week's hearing, which they called "Jim Crow 2021: The Latest Assault on the Right to Vote," they weaponized the pernicious lens of critical race theory against Georgia legislators and the thousands of election officials and volunteers who work year-round to bring as many eligible voters to the polls as possible.

Everyone should exercise their right to vote. We should protect one person, one vote. We should encourage people in our local communities to cast their ballot. But my friends across the aisle, they are desperate, and they are desperate to distract from what S. 1 would actually do, so desperate to distract from what it would actually do that they are willing to project the evil hatred behind slavery, segregation, and race-based violence, projecting that onto people whose only goal is to protect the vote from criminals who would seek to defraud it and make certain that individuals are registered to vote, that they vote, and that legal votes are counted and those improperly cast are not.

Now, my friends across the aisle have an invalid premise, and they should all pause and question their motives. The American people should be worried about what is happening in this Chamber when no one is looking. They should feel outrage at an administration that deliberately tries to manipulate them into supporting destructive, wasteful, and dangerous legislation.

I think these bait-and-switch tactics are going to backfire. I think the scare tactics are going to backfire because instead of being scared into submission, which is the agenda of the left, the American people are going to be scared into action.

Based on the contents of H.R. 1 and S. 1, I guess that they are more famil-

iar with the ins and outs of their neighborhood polling places than DC Democrats could ever expect to be. And that doesn't bode well for the administration or the current congressional majority.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I also ask unanimous consent to deliver my complete remarks prior to the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONFIRMATION OF DEANNE BENNETT CRISWELL

Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I rise to recognize a historic confirmation that took place last week. On Thursday, the Senate confirmed Deanne Criswell to serve as the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. I would like to thank Senator PORTMAN for his support and for working closely with me to see that Ms. Criswell was swiftly confirmed for this critical position.

Ms. Criswell is an experienced, crisis-tested leader, well deserving of the unanimous bipartisan support that her confirmation received. As she takes the helm of FEMA, Ms. Criswell brings more than 25 years of emergency management and disaster response experience at the Federal, State, and local level.

Having served as an emergency management commissioner for one of the largest and most diverse cities in America, Ms. Criswell knows what it takes to ensure the coronavirus vaccination distribution is efficient and effective and that every community has the resources that they need to recover from this pandemic.

As a former member of the National Guard and a firefighter, she understands the needs of our heroic first responders as they continuously protect Americans on the frontlines.

However, the pandemic is just one of many challenges that FEMA faces, and Ms. Criswell understands that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to disaster response and every crisis, from hurricanes to historic flooding and wildfires, to the COVID-19 pandemic, requires a coordinated strategy.

There is no doubt that Ms. Criswell's experience in emergency management, extensive record of tackling crises on a local and national level, and the desire to work on a bipartisan basis to improve our Federal disaster response in every community are exactly what is needed to meet the challenges that we are facing now and those challenges that lie ahead.

NOMINATION OF JASON SCOTT MILLER

Madam President, I rise to speak about the nomination before us today,

Jason Scott Miller, the President's nominee to be Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Miller is a proven leader who is committed to getting results for the American people. He has an extensive track record of tackling difficult management challenges and driving innovation, both in the government and in the private sector.

Early in his career, as a management consultant, Mr. Miller advised large companies with operations across the globe, helping them tackle strategic and operational challenges. As Deputy Director of the National Economic Council from 2011 to 2017, Mr. Miller spearheaded many governmentwide initiatives, including the creation of Manufacturing USA institutes and SelectUSA—new efforts to spur job creation by strengthening manufacturing and bringing investment to the United States.

He was also instrumental in driving the passage of bipartisan legislation in 2016 to address the crisis in Puerto Rico and in developing the first-ever Federal policy on automated vehicles.

OMB is and will continue to be central to the administration's efforts to combat the pandemic and spur economic recovery in communities all across our Nation.

Mr. Miller's experience taking on a diverse range of challenges and his commitment to getting results have prepared him well to serve as OMB's Deputy Director for Management.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the confirmation of Jason Scott Miller as Deputy Director for Management at OMB.

I yield the floor.

### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 58, Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Charles E. Schumer, Gary C. Peters, Ron Wyden, Jack Reed, Benjamin L. Cardin, Patrick J. Leahy, Michael F. Bennet, Tim Kaine, Christopher Murphy, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher A. Coons, Cory A. Booker, Chris Van Hollen, Edward J. Markey, Sherrod Brown, Bernard Sanders, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Martin Heinrich.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to

be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 82, nays 13, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 166 Ex.]

#### YEAS—82

Baldwin	Hassan	Portman
Barrasso	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Romney
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rosen
Blunt	Hoeven	Rubio
Booker	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Boozman	Inhofe	Sasse
Brown	Johnson	Schatz
Burr	Kaine	Schumer
Cantwell	Kelly	Shaheen
Capito	King	Shelby
Carper	Klobuchar	Sinema
Casey	Lankford	Smith
Cassidy	Leahy	Stabenow
Collins	Lujan	Tester
Coons	Lummis	Thune
Cornyn	Manchin	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Markey	Toomey
Daines	Marshall	Van Hollen
Duckworth	McConnell	Warner
Durbin	Menendez	Warnock
Ernst	Merkley	Warren
Feinstein	Moran	Whitehouse
Fischer	Murkowski	Wicker
Gillibrand	Murphy	Wyden
Graham	Ossoff	Young
Grassley	Padilla	
Hagerty	Peters	

#### NAYS—13

Blackburn	Hawley	Scott (SC)
Braun	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lee	Tuberville
Crapo	Risch	
Cruz	Scott (FL)	

#### NOT VOTING—5

Cardin	Murray	Rounds
Cramer	Paul	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 82, the nays are 13.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Connecticut.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WINSLOW, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 250th birth-

day of the town of Winslow, ME. Winslow is a town with a fascinating history and a bright future, connected by generations of hard-working and caring people.

Winslow was incorporated in 1771, but its story began long before. For thousands of years, the land along the great Kennebec River was the home of the Abenaki Tribe, who hunted, fished, and tilled the fertile soil. The reverence the Abenaki had for the natural beauty and resources of the region is upheld by the people of Winslow today.

Winslow's roots run deep into American history. It originally was a Native American settlement called Taconock, meaning "in the trees." Located in central Maine along the mighty Kennebec River, the village was settled by colonists from Plymouth Colony.

Winslow is home to important historical sites. One of those sites, Fort Halifax, the oldest blockhouse in the United States, was constructed by the town's namesake, General John Winslow, in 1754 and named after the Earl of Halifax, Secretary of State of Great Britain. Fort Halifax was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1968.

Today, visitors and residents enjoy this historic site at what is now Fort Halifax Park. This land was once home to industrial and commercial use after a railroad line was built in the 1840s to transport goods from local mills. Years later, the site was developed into a park which is now enjoyed for recreation, picnics, and holiday festivities.

Winslow's Ticonic Footbridge, known by locals as the Two Cent Bridge, is one of the oldest footbridges and the last known toll footbridge in the United States. The bridge, built in 1903, connects the two communities of Winslow and Waterville. For several generations, residents of Winslow crossed the bridge daily to work at the Waterville mills.

Winslow honors the men and women who defend our freedom. Central Maine Veterans Memorial Park was the dream of a group of veterans led by WWII Navy veteran Daniel DeRoch. With the collaboration of town officials, schools, residents, and veterans organizations, this park pays tribute to all who served in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Merchant Marine.

Mr. President, Winslow has played an important role in Maine history, and it continues to exemplify the best of our great State today. I congratulate to the people of Winslow on this landmark anniversary and wish them all the best in the years to come.

#### 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WINTHROP, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 250th birthday of the town of Winthrop, ME. This landmark anniversary is a time to celebrate the generations of hard-working and caring people who have made it